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SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSION: UK ROLE

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D) STATE 126065; E) STATE 126070

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED REFTELS A, B AND C WITH
ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD AND DEPART-
MENT HEAD ALLEN MUNRO MORNING OF MAY 18. FOLLOWING
POINTS EMERGED:

-- THE UK IS NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN INTENDED
RESCUE OPERATION AND REGARDS THE PLAN AS ESSENTIALLY
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FRANCO-BELGIAN. BRITISH HAD APPROVED USE OF ASCENCION
ISLAND AS STAGING POINT BUT LEARNED FROM BELGIANS
EVENING OF MAY 17 THAT USE OF ASCENCION WAS NO LONGER
UNDER CONSIDERATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER BRITISH
PARTICIPATION.

-- BRITISH ARE WILLING TO BE HELPFUL IN LIMITED

RESPECTS SUCH AS BBC ALERT, AND WOULD CONSIDER POL SUPPLIES, IF ASKED.

-- BRITISH UNDERSTANDING IS THAT FRENCH ORIGINALLY PLANNED INDEPENDENT RESCUE OPERATION AND HAD ALREADY DEPLOYED SOME FRENCH PARATROOPERS IN KINSHASA. THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF PLANS TO USE CONTINGENTS FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. FRENCH PLANS ARE NOW UNDER REVISION, HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH BELGIANS.

-- KAUNDA AND ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE SO FAR BEEN COOPERATIVE IN PERMITTING EVACUEES TO CROSS INTO ZAMBIA. BRITISH HAD NOT HEARD OF FRANCO-BELGIAN PLANS TO EVACUATE CITIZENS TO LUSAKA AND/OR NDOLA BUT ASSUME ZAMBIAIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL.

-- FCO IS INSTRUCTING SELECTED POSTS IN AFRICA TO PLAY "SUPPORTIVE" ROLE IN EXPLANATIONS OF OPERATION.

-- UK CITIZENS AT A DIAMOND MINE NEAR TSHIKAPA REPORT ANOTHER KATANGAN INCURSION FROM ANGOLA IN THAT AREA. THERE ARE EIGHT UK CITIZENS AT TENKE-FUNGURUME WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED BY ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES TO DEPART.

2. WE RECOMMEND REFERENCES TO UK PARTICIPATION IN
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